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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification originally filed, with the enclosed substitute specification. Applicant states that no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 22 without prejudice and replace them with the following new

claims:

23. A process for holding and insulating ceramic monoliths in a said motor vehicle exhaust gas unit with a housing pipe or housing half shells defining a cross sectional space and with one or more inner ceramic monoliths of a shape substantially corresponding to said cross sectional space, the process comprising the steps of: